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AND PAKISTAN

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 1068 (NOTAL); (B) SINGAPORE 285;

(C) SINGAPORE 5593 OF 12/14/76

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1. REGRET THIS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTELS REQUESTING
FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON INDIA AND PAKISTAN EDIBLE
VEGETABLE OIL MARKETS.

2. PAKISTAN. FOLLOWING TABLE RESPONDS TO REQUEST
PARAGRAPH 1.A. OF REFTEL (C) FOR FURTHER BREAKDOWN OF IMPORT
DATA PROVIDED STATE 273327. DATA ARE IN 1,000 METRIC TONS;

DATA FOR 1976 STILL ESTIMATED:

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
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SOYBEAN OIL

BRAZIL	50	-	81	6	19
US	34	23	43	29	72

PALM OIL

INDONESIA	3	-	19	84	66
MALAYSIA	-	1	8	35	40
SINGAPORE	-	-	-	10	-

3. PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY REVISED UPWARD ITS IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS FOR OCTOBER 1976 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1977. TOTAL IMPORT REQUIREMENT IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 348,000 METRIC TONS (MT). WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE IMPORTED, THUS FAR, 88,000 MT (56,000 SOYBEAN AND 32,000 PALM OIL), AND HAVE CONTRACTED TO BUY AN ADDITIONAL 140,000 MT (70,000 PL 480 TITLE 1 SOYBEAN AND 70,000 PALM OIL). THUS IF TOTAL IMPORT ESTIMATE IS CORRECT, AN ADDITIONAL 120,000 MT REMAINS TO BE PURCHASED.

4. WE DO NOT HAVE AVAILABLE AVERAGE PRICES REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 1.B. OF REFTEL (C). REQUEST AGATT, AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD, CONTACT PEOC OFFICIALS TO DISCERN IF PRICE DATA AVAILABLE AND CAN BE PASSED ON WITH PEOC PERMISSION TO SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT VIA AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE.

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5. INDIA. RE QUESTIONS RAISED PARAGRAPH 1., REFTEL (B):

A. SUPPLY PERIOD FOR PL 480 PROGRAM RUNS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1977, THE END OF THE US FISCAL YEAR.

B. EXPORTS OF ALL EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS AND EDIBLE OIL BEARING SEEDS ARE PROHIBITED DURING US FISCAL YEAR 1977 OR ANY SUBSEQUENT US FISCAL YEAR DURING WHICH THE PROGRAMED OIL IS BEING IMPORTED OR UTILIZED. THIS EXPORT LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO INDIAN HAND-PICKED SELECT PEANUTS FOR DIRECT HUMAN CONSUMPTION. ALSO A PERMISSIBLE EXPORT LEVEL OF 2700 MT OF EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS IS WRITTEN INTO THE AGREEMENT SO THAT INDIA'S SMALL BUT RELATIVELY STEADY EXPORTS OF PEANUT OIL WILL NOT BE DISRUPTED.

C. FURTHER BREAKDOWN OF INDIA'S COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1971 THROUGH 1975 (IN 1,000 MT) FOLLOWS. CALENDAR YEAR 1976 IMPORTS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED AT 250,000 MT. BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY NOT AVAILABLE AS YET. PROJECTED IMPORTS FOR CY 1977 RANGE

NOW BETWEEN 500,000 AND 600,000 MT.

1971 1972 1973 1974 1975

SOYBEAN OIL

NETHERLANDS	-	.	8.3	5.0	-	-
BRAZIL	-	-	21.4	-	-	-
FRANCE	-	-	15.0	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	2.3	-	-	-

PALM OIL

MALAYSIA	.7	.7	46.9	29.6	.3	
SINGAPORE	-	-	4.6	20.6	-	
INDONESIA	-	-	-	2.9	10.0	
NIGERIA	-	-	-	-	7.7	

D. AVERAGE PRICE OF INDIA'S IMPORTS OF EDIBLE VEGETABLE
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OIL NOT AVAILABLE HERE. REQUEST AGATT, AMEMBASSY NEW
DELHI, SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE WITH GOI PERMISSION
TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE.

E. AGATT NEW DELHI MAY ALSO WISH TO COMMENT ON ERRATIC
PATTERN OF IMPORTS. WE ASSUME SIZE OF ANNUAL DOMESTIC
CROP, LEVEL OF STOCKS, INTERNAL PRICING MECHANISMS, FOREIGN
EXCHANGE AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL IMPORTS, ALL PLAY PART
IN LEVEL OF IMPORTS IN ANY GIVEN YEAR.

6. BELIEVE RECENT IMPORT HISTORY OF BOTH COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED ABOVE NOT AS IMPORTANT TO POSSIBLE SINGAPORE
EXPORTS AS ESTIMATED LEVEL OF IMPORTS NOTED FOR CY 1977.
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